

# Newburgh News of Note

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## Town Applies for Sidewalk Funds

# SafeRoutes

National Center for Safe Routes to School



In 2006, the Indiana Department of Transportation launched an initiative aimed at making bicycling and walking to school safe and routine by developing the Safe Routes to School program. With increasing concerns in communities about traffic congestion, fuel consumption, and air pollution, as well as growing health and obesity concerns, these funds were made available to offer safe, attractive alternatives for young

children to access school. The Town of Newburgh has applied for these funds totaling \$250,000.00 to provide sidewalks and bicycle lanes to Newburgh Elementary School. With the help of Principal Rick Reid, Newburgh Elementary P.A.T., and Newburgh Police Department, the necessary data including parent surveys, school administrator assessments, and traffic counts was compiled. The entire project encompasses State, Jennings, Jefferson, and First streets. The long term goal is to connect Newburgh Elementary School, Community Park, Veterans Park, Riverfront Walkway and Rivertown Trail, and Kiwanis Community Playground. In future years, the Town will look at providing routes to St. John's as well. With endorsements from Warrick County School Corporation, Newburgh Elementary School, Newburgh Police Department, and Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Town Council is hopeful the application will be successful and construction of new sidewalks and reconstruction of deteriorating sidewalks will begin.

In addition to these funds, the Town of Newburgh Sidewalk Construction Program established by ordinance in 2002 provides for the construction of sidewalks with a 50/50 financial split between the town and a property owner. Any interested property owner should contact the Town Manager about this program.

## Storm Water Relief

Under the direction of the Storm Water Management Board and MS4 Coordinator Frank Hijuelos, the town crew has been clearing away the retention pond at the end of Knob Hill Drive. This work

should greatly improve drainage in the Maple Lane and Windsor Pointe areas. The board is also working on drainage improvements in other problem areas of town.

Anne Rust Aurand, Storm Water Commissioner



## Police National Night Out



Chief Sprinkle and his family help out at the dunking booth.

Despite the high temperatures and soaring humidity, Newburgh Police had a successful

Night Out on August 7. Citizens gathered at the Old Lock and Dam Park along the Ohio River for an evening of food, fun, entertainment, and education. Chief Sprinkle was in the dunking booth, Warrick County Clowns painted children's faces, and there were safety demonstrations and hands-on displays. National Night Out is an event that cities and towns all across the United States celebrate to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention; safety; and neighborhood unity.

The Newburgh Police Department would like to thank the public and volunteers for helping make Night Out a success.

Bill Kavanaugh, Police Commissioner



## Ordinance Enforcement

The Newburgh Police Department has recently received several complaints about unlicensed animals in Town. Any dog or cat within the corporate limits is required to be licensed whether it is an inside or outside animal. Officers will continue to issue citations for this violation.

The Newburgh Park Board has received many complaints about animals defecating on park property. A town ordinance passed in 1987 requires animal owners to pick up and dispose of animal excrement. Officers have been informing animal owners of this requirement. Citations will be issued for violations of this ordinance.

Newburgh officers also spend a great deal of time enforcing the weed and/or rank vegetation ordinance throughout Town. This includes issuing citations when a property is found to be in violation.

Chief Sprinkle reminds residents of a town ordinance passed in 1996 requiring all vehicles be properly licensed and in running order. Owners in violation will be subject to a citation.

Chief of Police, Brett Sprinkle

## NVFD Conducts Training Exercises

A house on Locust Lane, donated to the Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters and the Ohio Township Fire Department, was used for training purposes in late July. The seven hour training exercise took the firefighters through many different scenarios of a house fire. This hands-on training was beneficial to even the most experienced personnel.

The "Fill the Boot" drive has started again, and all are encouraged to come and show support for the fire department as they help raise money for MDA and Jerry's kids.

Alonzo Moore, Fire Commissioner

## Newburgh Pool Happenings



Swim official Jim Case offers assistance to the 6 and under girls as they prepare for their event at the swim meet.

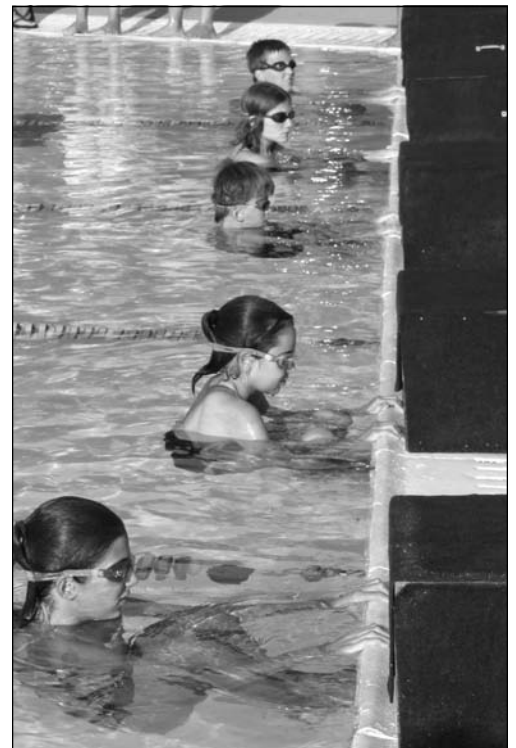


Pool Manager Diana Phillips helps her Level III students learn front crawl and back crawl.

The Newburgh Pool was a busy place this summer and a haven during the extremely hot and humid days in early August. With a staff of forty, the pool operates for ten and a half weeks during the summer months when school is not in session. This summer 250 children participated in the Red Cross certified Learn to Swim program in levels one to six. Forty five children were members of the Newburgh Dolphins, the Newburgh Community Pool swim team. Jim Case, a member of the Park Advisory Board and a USA Swimming nationally certified official who has officiated at the Olympic Trials, volunteered his time and expertise at the four swim meets the Newburgh Dolphins competed in this summer. Thank you, Jim!

Other activities during the 2007 season included a daily adult swim, an evening lap swim, as well as a fully booked calendar of pool parties.

Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner



11 and over girls get ready for the start of the 50 yard backstroke event.

## Kiwanis Club Breaks Ground on Community Building

Chartered in 1941, the Kiwanis Club of Newburgh continues to serve the Newburgh community as a "friend of youth." After much planning and in cooperation with the Town of Newburgh and Warrick County School Corporation, the vision of the Kiwanis Club to construct a new community facility came a step closer to fruition at the ground breaking ceremony at Kiwanis Community Playground on August 9, 2007.



Kiwanis Club President Gil Himebaugh

Also at Kiwanis Community Playground, the Warrick County School Corporation constructed a regulation 200 meter running track, a long jump pit, and a baseball and softball throwing area. The field is for public use as well as for school track meets and events.

## Fortress of Fun Improvements

Built in 1998 by a legion of volunteers, the Fortress of Fun playground in Community Park continues to serve area youngsters. After its construction, a non profit group, Friends of the Fort, was formed to help provide future maintenance of the facility. Annually, the Friends inspect the playground and make necessary improvements and repairs including restaining and preserving the wooden structures. This summer the Friends hired ARC Construction to perform some structural repairs on several aging wooden posts and the retaining wall. The Fortress of Fun is open from dawn to dusk all year.



Fortress of Fun at Newburgh Community Park

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## NBC Hosts Hard Hat Tours of Old Town Hall

On July 28, the Newburgh Building Corporation hosted guided tours of the progress of the rehabilitation of the old town hall. Nearly one hundred people came to tour the hall, listen to tunes by the Little Old Dam Band, and enjoy treats from Café Newburgh. With the assistance of architect David Wills of Hafer Associates, members of the NBC were well versed in explaining the work that has been completed and describing what the finished project will look like. An early October completion date is expected. The facility will be open to the public for use and rental.



David Wills and NBC member Randy Wheeler lead a Hard Hat Tour.

Anne Rust Aurand, Committee Chair  
Shari Sherman, Committee Member

## From the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer

A public hearing will be held during the Newburgh Town Council meeting on September 12, 2007 to review and receive public comment on the proposed 2008 budget. The adoption of the budget is scheduled for September 26, 2007. The town expects to receive \$554,847.00 in property taxes this year and \$596,860.00 in 2008. These property tax dollars fund only a portion of the Police, Fire, Park, Building and Planning, and Civil Town budgets. The balance of operating funds comes from various sources: license excise, building permits, pool passes and concessions, return on investment, fire and cable contracts, and other sources including interest on investments. The Clerk-Treasurer's office strives to keep funds fully invested to insure maximum return for the residents of Newburgh.

Efficient budgeting requires the input of each department of town government. Each summer, department heads meet with the Clerk-Treasurer and Town Manager to discuss the needs of each department while considering the anticipated revenue for the upcoming year. Recommendations are taken to the Finance Committee for review and consideration. A meeting is then held with a representative from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance who reviews each budget estimate and, most importantly, the tax rate. The budget is published in both the Newburgh Register and Boonville Standard prior to the public hearing. Copies of the proposed budget can also be obtained at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, Town Hall, 23 W. Jennings.

It has been and will remain the goal of this office to be fiscally responsible to the citizens of Newburgh.

Becky Gentry, Clerk-Treasurer

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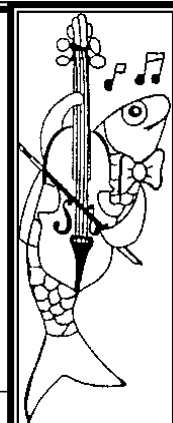
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## **Newburgh Fiddler Fest September 21, 22, 23**

Organized by Historic Newburgh, Inc., the 27th Annual Fiddler Fest will be held again this fall featuring the renowned catfish dinners, live music and entertainment, and, returning for the 2007 event, a beer tent to provide cool beverages to accompany those fiddlers.



## **Cash Creek Power Plant Update**

The Newburgh Town Council and Newburgh and Warrick County citizens made their voices heard regarding the negative impact the Cash Creek Power Plant in Henderson County will have on our community through spokesperson Town Attorney Tom Bodkin. The request made by the Town to the Division of Air Quality was for a modeling study to be completed to accurately assess the increased levels of particulate matter and ozone caused by the power plant and their negative impact on Newburgh's air quality. The Town also requested Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter file a Section 126 Petition against granting the permit for the plant. This request was denied. The Town continues in its efforts to protect Newburgh citizens by pursuing the filing of its own Section 126 Petition with the EPA.

Newburgh Town Council